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TO: Fleets, Business, Public Agencies and Non-Profit Organizations

SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL MEETING TO DISCUSS A NEW FUNDING
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF NEW ELECTRIC
VEHICLES

Did you know that you may be eligible for a grant of up to \$11,000 per vehicle towards purchase or lease of an electric vehicle? The California Air Resources Board (ARB) in partnership with the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (San Diego County APCD) is offering grants to help fleets (with two or more vehicles in an existing fleet) lease or purchase electric vehicles at competitive prices. These grants can help you acquire a high-performance electric passenger car or light-duty truck for your fleet. In addition, you can make a positive contribution to your community by driving a vehicle that provides:

- ✍ Zero tailpipe emissions
- ✍ Quiet, reliable transportation
- ✍ Lower refueling costs
- ✍ Environmentally friendly image for your business/organization

You are invited to attend an informational meeting to find out more about the grants that are available. At the meeting we will provide information on how the program works, the type of vehicles that qualify for grants, and how to apply. In addition, we have also asked local fleet operators to share their experiences with you on how electric vehicles fit into their fleet operations. Additional information will be available on the ARB's website one week prior to the workshop at www.zevinfo.com. If you can not attend, but would like to continue receiving information on this program, please provide your name, affiliation and mailing address and/or email to one of the contact persons indicated below.

The Legislature appropriated funding for this program, and directed that grants shall be provided for the purchase or lease of zero emission vehicles to be used in fleets that operate in areas of California with the poorest air quality. The Legislature also directed that grants be awarded through a competitive process that gives preference to those fleets that will primarily use the vehicles in communities that suffer from greater exposure to poor air quality, including low-income and minority communities.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

This public meeting will be held at the following time and location:

DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2002

TIME: 10 A.M. to Noon

LOCATION: County Administration Building
Conference Room 302/303
1600 Pacific Coast Highway
San Diego, California 92101

PARKING: Free two-hours parking available

Additional information on this public meeting and this new fleet incentive program is available at www.zevinfo.com or by contacting one of the following persons:

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The meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please contact Ms. Marsha Ventittelli, San Diego County APCD, Public Information Office, at (858) 650-4703 or Marsha.Ventittelli@sdcounty.ca.gov. To obtain documents in alternative format, please contact the ARB's American with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact the ARB by using our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326.

Sincerely,

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Jack Kitowski, Chief
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